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Dutch Government's $25 Billion Plan to Get Rid of Farmers — Funded by Taxpayers

The Dutch government claims it needs to nationalize half of cattle farmers' land — an amount equal to about one-third of Holland — in order to reduce nitrogen, but experts say this plan is seriously flawed.

By Dr. Joseph Mercola

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Story at a glance:

- Dutch cattle farmers own 70% of Holland, but the government is pushing for a forced buyout of 50% of their land, claiming it's necessary to reduce pollution.
- Experts say the move to get rid of farmers isn't about the environment but, rather, taking control of valuable land.
- The government's computer models, which are used to support its plan to reduce nitrogen by buying up farmland, are based on a flawed assumption that nitrogen migrates from one field to the next.
- The push to remove farmers from their land is being driven by nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), which are primarily funded by the government, making them government extensions.
- A $25 billion government fund, created using taxpayers' money, has been established to buy farmers' land; once a farmer sells their land, they'll be legally prohibited from establishing a farm anywhere else in Europe.

Nitrogen 2000 is an important 45-minute documentary on the Dutch farmer struggle of 2019-2023. Dutch cattle farmers own 70% of Holland, but in 2019, the government began pushing for a forced buyout of 50% of their land, claiming it's necessary to reduce pollution.

But for the approximately 60,000 farmers in the Netherlands, agriculture is a way of life, often passed down through the generations — one that's necessary to supply food for the population.

According to a press release for the film, "Dutch farmers produce the most food per hectare of farmers anywhere, and the Netherlands is the world's second largest exporter of agricultural products."

Farms are interwoven into the fabric of their communities, such that "everyone, even if you live in the city like in Amsterdam or in Rotterdam, in a five-minute drive you will see cows, you will see farmland ... it's so ingrained in our society, in our way of life, that farmers are part of our culture. Everyone has someone in their family who was once a farmer," says political commentator Sietske Bergsma.

But as professor Han Lindeboom, a marine ecologist at Wageningen University & Research, explains in the film, "The government has taken the stance that we have a huge problem with nature and that due to EU [European Union] regulations we should save nature. And nowadays we want to solve that problem by simply eliminating a large amount of farms."

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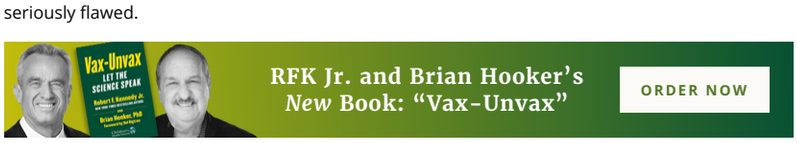

Is nitrogen really the problem?

Carbon and nitrogen have been declared environmental enemies by officials worldwide, prompting an array of restrictions. The United Nations has stated that nitrogen must be managed in order to save the planet, and nitrogen is described as "one of the most important pollution

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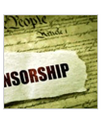
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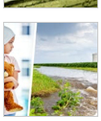
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Nitrogen not only is found in fertilizers, but it also makes up about 70% of air and is essential for plant growth.

"The nitrogen is only a problem for a few plants," Lindeboom explains. "There are certain plants that don't like it and they disappear. Other plants like it and they appear. So, basically what you're doing is changing nature."

"They have declared that nitrogen is the major problem," Lindeboom, an adviser to NIOZ, the Royal Netherlands Institute for Sea Research, continues in the press release. "Well, I am an expert in nitrogen and I dare to say it is not."

According to Lindeboom, the government's computer models, which are used to support its plan to buy up farmland, are based on a flawed assumption that nitrogen migrates from one field to the next.

The EU is also the site of the largest network of protected areas globally, an area known as Natura 2000, which covers 18% of EU land. In Holland alone, there are 162 Natura 2000 areas. In 118 of them, it's said there are organisms living that don't like too much nitrogen.

"In 2021, the European Union's Natura 2000 network released a map of areas in the Netherlands that are now protected against nitrogen emissions. Any Dutch farmer who operates their farm within 5 kilometers of a Natura 2000 protected area would now need to severely curtail their nitrogen output, which in turn would limit their production," Roman Balmakov, Epoch Times reporter and host of "Facts Matter," says.

Government forcing out farmers

Many Dutch farmers are now facing the loss of their farms over the controversial nitrogen rules.

Farmer Jos Block says:

> "We have a lot of problems with the nitrogen rules because our farm is near to and in Natura 2000. And that is really a problem for us. This is my land. I'm the owner. But this is also a nature land, the Natura 2000.
>
> "In this area, the government says we need to reduce 95% of the nitrogen that's coming out of the stables."

But experts, including Lindeboom, say this is "absolutely not necessary to save nature" and the government is "picking on farmers much too much."

Dutch dairy farmer Nynke Koopmans with the Forum for Democracy is among those who believe the nitrogen problem is made up.

"It's one big lie," she says. "The nitrogen has nothing to do with environment. It's just getting rid of farmers." Another farmer said if new nitrogen rules go into effect, he'd have to reduce his herd of 58 milking cows down to six. Nitrogen scientist Jaap C.

Hanekamp, Ph.D., was working for a government committee to study nitrogen, tasked with analyzing the government's nitrogen model.

He told Balmakov:

> "The whole policy is based on the deposition model about how to deal with nitrogen emissions on nature areas.
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> "And I looked at the validation studies and show that the model is actually crap. It doesn't work. And doesn't matter. They still continue using it. Which is, in a sense, unsettling. I mean, really, can we do such a thing in terms of policy? Use a model which doesn't work? It's never about innovation, it's always about getting rid of farmers."

The Dutch government has been gradually tightening its grasp on farmers for some time. Every year, farmers must report details about the number of cows they farm and how many they plan to have in the future.

The government also dictates what types of crops farmers grow and requires complicated and expensive manure testing for phosphates and ammonia, driving up farmers' costs and reducing their income.

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Government-funded NGOs are lobbying to get rid of farmers

The push to remove farmers from their land is being driven by NGOs, which are primarily funded by the government, making them government extensions. A $25 billion government fund, created using taxpayers' money, has also been established to buy farmers' land.

Once a farmer sells their land, they'll be legally prohibited from establishing a farm anywhere else in Europe. Meanwhile, the NGOs may even end up farming the land once they've pushed the farmer out of the picture.

According to the film's press release:

> "NGOs — namely Dierenbescherming, Varkens in Nood, Greenpeace, Vogelbescherming, Natuurmonumenten — are the primary organizations lobbying for the nitrogen policy.
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> "Their budget is funded by the Dutch government. Once a farmer is bought out, the NGOs become custodians of the land and, in some cases, put cows back on the land to manage it.
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> "Commenting on this policy, farmer Bolk said, 'I do the same as the nature organizations in

> Holland … I think it's very strange that a farmer is not allowed to do it but a nature organization can do the same as I do and then there is no nitrogen problem.'"

The real agenda, however, may be traced back to the Club of Rome, a think tank that aligned with neo-Malthusianism — the idea that an overly large population would decimate resources — and was intending to implement a global depopulation agenda.

"They came up with this incredible document where they actually said, 'We need a new justification for this all-powerful state,'" international journalist Alex Newman said. "So, the new excuse is going to be because the environment is going to be harmed and because climate is going to hurt us."

Balmakov continues:

> "I could not believe what I just heard, that world leaders really laid out this globalist plan in plain English in a physical book, way back in 1991. I went on Amazon. And there it was.
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> "'The First Global Revolution,' which states, and I quote, 'In searching for a common enemy to unite us, we came up with the idea that pollution, the threat of global warming, water shortages, famine, and the like, would fit the bill. And therefore, the real enemy is humanity itself.'"

In its quest to reduce nitrogen, the Dutch government is targeting farmers, not industry, such as brick factories, which also produce nitrogen to build new houses. The reason, many believe, lies in the land itself.

Is the nitrogen crisis a cover for land control?

Innovative farming methods and changes in food can reduce livestock emissions. But even when farmers have told the government they'd get rid of their cows — just not their land — the government refused.

"Under the guise of democracy and liberalism, they are taking away rights," political commentator Sietske Bergsma says. "And most people are fine with it because they feel this sort of responsibility — maybe because it's so 'progressive' to care about the climate — so they're willing to actually sacrifice their own well-being."

The narrative is based on fear and telling people what they must do in order to be safe.

"We've paid a really high price for this because we gave up all our freedoms to feel safe," Bergsma adds. "And obviously this safety is also very fake because you can't be safe without being free. It's not about saving the planet. It's about government control because that's in effect what is happening."

Once the farmers are pushed out, globalists suggest eating bugs will protect the planet by eliminating the need for livestock, cutting down on agricultural land use and protecting the environment.

The UN's Food and Agriculture Organization also encourages the consumption of insects and insect-based foods, and the momentum to get farmers off their land is continuing to gain steam.

In 2023, the European Commission approved two Dutch schemes to buy out farmers' land.

While some farmers staged protests against the plans to reduce nitrogen emissions, more than 750 Dutch farmers had signed up for the buy-out scheme as of November 2023, with about 3,000 expected to be eligible for the program.

Similar programs are also being discussed in Canada, Ireland and the U.S.

But ultimately, as environmental journalist Rypke Zeilmaker explains:

> "It's not about nature protection. Only the ones who, in this process, have acquired the most money will have the ruling power.
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> "It comes down to control of resources in the hands of the few. Look at the power of the NGOs. Who do they really support? Who's pumping money into them? It's always governments and billionaires doing it. …
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> "So, this is the relation between government and NGOs. To an extent you can sell the public. You can buy the public opinion. …
>
> "It's all about fear. It's about making people fear for the future so that they would agree with policies that, if they are sober, they would never agree with."

Watch Nitrogen 2000 here:

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The big take away from this article is what people should already know. Most politicians are not capable of making a living and surviving on their own. So what they do is attempt to run other people's lives. Because they are inept at running their own lives, they are definitely not capable of running someone else's life, let alone an entire country. They are being paid by other influencing forces to do the bidding of their master who undoubtedly has a pile of dirt on them to keep them in line.
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Michelle → holisticpoet
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If any civilian ran their lives they way the politicians do, we would be in prison for a very long time.
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CastleConnell
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No safety without freedom, we are becoming less safe daily. It is a land coup, and it will continue globally. We will be pushed into smart cities to rent from the globalists. They are right and wrong, we really will own nothing, but we will not be happy. Mind you, they think they can use AI to hypnotize us into thinking we are content. I doubt during the industrial revolution that those who left the land for 12-hour day factory jobs six to seven days a week were content, they were enslaved. This is the same revolution in its newest form.
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boxerdoglover
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Plants need nitrogen to grow. Buy up all the land and starve the population. It's all about control and depopulation. Just e v i l.
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John Hanek
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Methane degrades in the air to CO2 and H2O. If you want the CO2 level down simply **PLANT TREES. Trees eat CO2, releasing O2.**
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Michelle → John Hanek
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EXACTLY. Instead they are decimating the Amazon forests and trying to blame our individual cars. The real problem is SO many people have bought into this bs.
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John Hanek → Michelle
5 days ago
The whole global warming thing is a scam, start to finish, but that's a whole 'nother story. I've seen the research. The amount of warming that CO2 can cause to the atmosphere is so small as to be un-concerning.
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Peter van der Stam → John Hanek
4 days ago
Remember the Global Warmers came with a computer modell of 8.5 degrees temperature rise. A year later, another computer modell told that is was 2.7 degrees. So, we have to call it Climate Change. a few months later a computer model said, it is only 1.6 degrees.
So much for computer models BS
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John Hanek → Peter van der Stam
4 days ago
The research I looked at had a miniscule value for warming, don't remember the value exactly, but it was even smaller than your numbers. What we aren't told is that CO2 is tree food! Trees convert CO2 into C and O2. The C builds the tree and the O2 is released into the atmosphere.

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Peter van der Stam → John Hanek
4 days ago

Scottland took 11 million trees down to build a Wind farm.
My question (I am not so clever as the average Scotts man and woman)
Who is taking more CO2 out of the air, ONE tree or hundred of wind turbines ?

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John Dawe
8 days ago

Actually, THIS Planet's Atmospheric Makeup - & SCHOOL KIDS know this = Nitrogen- 78%. Oxygen as close to 21%. ALL other gases (mainly INERT) = 1% COMBINED! that 'Nasty' CO2, an INERT 'LIFE' gas is currently at a STAGGERING 0.0408 of ONE %(I believe 'Extinction/Catastrophic' Levels of CO2,are @ 195 PPM - Half of Current level - Good Luck on that!). AMAZINGLY, for the Technocrats , & their 'Latent' Puppeteers, somehow 'See' these NATURAL Gases as an 'issue' - BUT, 'TAXES' on these WILL make the 'Issues' O.K! Not happy with just EXTRA TAXES, Now the 'Bought' & or 'IgnoRant Govt's 'WANT' to STEAL Family Owned land by 'Pretence'!
Further; WHY NOW? On a Planet where Govts traditionally & historically, HAVE NO ISSUES about WARFARE, NOR IT'S DOWNSTREAM HARM ON HUMANS, & CERTAINLY NOT ON/IN - 'NATURE' = WHY NOW??
Of course the SAME 'Diligent' Govts, ARE obviously 'Closing Down' ALL of their Military Bases & OFFLOADING, ALL Of IT'S Polluting 'Equipment' & Any 'Contacts' with Groups such as NATO/AUKUS Etc.! - This also Includes 'Removal' of ANY Forces from Foreign Lands & ANY 'Supplies'!
DITTO, Other Numptie Countries, 'Pushing' the same 3 Ring Circus Policies!
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seahawk
8 days ago

Thank you Dr. Mercola, my wife and I have followed your health advice for years. When are the people of this planet going to recognize that this earth is in the control of ruthless individuals. If you have faith that the Bible is God's word than you would understand the statements made about who truly controls the world. 1John 5:19,"The whole world is lying in the power of the wicked one". Revelation 12:9,"So down the great dragon was hurled, the original serpent, the one called Devil and Satan, who is misleading the entire inhabited earth: vs 12,"On this account be glad you heavens and you who reside in them! Woe for the earth and the sea, because the Devil has come down to you, having great anger, knowing he has a short period of time". Satan attempted to tempt Jesus by offering all the kingdoms of the earth. Jesus did not refute his exercise of power over the earth. We are living in the last days of this wicked system under Satan's control but the end has not come yet and we can only expect further moral deterioration to occur. So all existing governments are following Satan's lead. If you don't believe or agree with what I just stated, prove me wrong.

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CastleConnell → seahawk
8 days ago

For sure the world is ruled by deception. But to say we are living in the last days is a stretch, no proof.

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seahawk → CastleConnell
8 days ago

I guess we will see won't we.

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Ty Shlackman → seahawk
8 days ago

Even if it is God's word that doesn't mean everyone will correctly interpret the meaning of everything. Most people don't interpret the Bible correctly and are deceived by religious leaders who are the blind leading the blind. Jesus came to bring spiritual awareness and save people from spiritual blindness.

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QuentonQuale → Ty Shlackman
7 days ago

Not sure how this applies to Dutch farmers having their land siezed.

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John Stone Mod → QuentonQuale
7 days ago

Point taken.

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Thom Rip → seahawk
8 days ago

Your analysis appears "accurate". To add; "evil" understands it's already lost and what remains to be seen is how much damage it can create, before "good" totally unfolds...which is the process we're experiencing. It's quite a time, hang tight.

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Paul Michael
7 days ago

NWO DEPOPULATION AGENDA. Club of rome, un agenda 2030 being led by bankers.

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Jacek R → Paul Michael
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The bankers have always been the devil in disguise. Throughout history bankers have often funded both sides during deadly wars.

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Olle Durks
8 days ago

The intention is to starve people to death. This happens across the world. Evil evil people who are receiving orders from Klaus I-am-in-charge Schwab. His orders come from, I suspect, the top Mason in the world, a Rockefeller?

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George Mead
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Time for a world revolution, against tyrannical government's

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The power is in parliament not the government.
Parliament makes the law.
Government follows the law.
Judiciary enforces the law.
Dutch MP's are to blame.

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J jann
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I hope schools are still teaching photosynthesis and soil components including nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium. We need to make sure the next generation knows the truth. I'm afraid to see what NewsGuard, used in every school in the U.S., is letting students know about this.

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Jacek R → jann
6 days ago

Education of the next generation is, now more than ever, the responsibility of the parents and family. Even

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